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# A memo that just might be

The following memorandum in Russian was found in a vodka bottle floating in a Leningrad canal:

**M**emo to: Y.V. Andropov and Politburo  
From: Special Task Force on Operation 007  
Re: Balance sheet on aftermath

1. It is now two weeks since the fall of 007. What have been our gains from this operation and our losses?

2. Our long-term gains have been enormous. Our losses, short-term, may be, first, the American Congress may provide funds for the MX; second, Congress may support the CIA counterinsurgency in Nicaragua. However, the MX and Nicaragua situations are fluid and decisions are not final. In a few weeks, we predict, the anti-MX and anti-CIA forces in the Congress will reassert themselves so that our short-term losses will be converted to long-term gains.

3. The world now knows — especially Japan — that the Western Pacific from Alaska south is *mare nostrum*, our sea, where Soviet military reaction is certain at times and places of our own choosing.

4. The world knows that the Soviet definition of defense problems on its borders will be implemented at times and places of its own choosing. Our action regarding the earlier Korean Air Lines plane in 1978 was a mistaken act of appeasement of the intruder. This was the fault of Comrade Brezhnev who, looking back, made a serious error in allowing the earlier Korean intrusion immunity from ultimate reprisal. The present action under Comrade Andropov's wise and prudent leadership will redound to our benefit. The world knows that in Comrade Andropov we have a decisive and far-seeing leader dif-

ferent from predecessors like Comrades Brezhnev and Khrushchev. We have leader in the tradition of Comrade Stalin.

5. The speeches in the United Nations and those by President Reagan and other capitalist leaders were as expected. Little else in the way of action can be expected.

6. The leading U.S. press organs also behaved as expected — condemnation of Operation 007 but warnings to President Reagan not to use Operation 007 as an excuse to delay arms negotiations or to initiate Cold War polemics. Adm. Stansfield Turner's [former CIA director] comments on the widely disseminated TV program, *Nightline*, can only be regarded as positive. This is to be noted from the criticism on the same program with Turner by Ray Cline, one-time deputy CIA director.

7. Our strategy of keeping the United States fully occupied in all theaters of war — Chad, Middle East, Central America and now the Western Pacific — is succeeding as expected. Our strategy can only serve to arouse world opinion to the dangers of world war and America's responsibility for these tensions. As the furor over Operation 007 dies down, our assets will see to it that the tensions brought about by Operation 007 will continue to mount in tandem with the fear of war. Our world peace organizations will use Operation 007 to demonstrate the war peril brought about by the NATO alliance.

8. Within the Bloc, Operation 007 has been influential among the foreign comrades who have in the past shown that they are not always to be trusted by the proletarian leadership. They now know for certain the meaning of proletarian internationalism and the leading role of the Soviet Party. This lesson has been especially well understood in Poland and in the Vatican.

9. The most important gain for our forces of liberation has been once more a demonstration of Lenin's principle of *kto kgo*. Operation 007 has been greeted with nothing more than speeches,

resolutions and some Aeroflot flight cancellations. None of these reactions will affect the correlation of forces in our favor. They do demonstrate the meaning of *kto kgo*, — *who does what to whom*. Our power can be projected anywhere with impunity. It is credible power, unlike Reagan's or NATO's.

10. We now have little more than two months to prevent the deployment by Reagan of Cruise and Pershing IIs in the NATO countries. We cannot depend alone on the peace movement. It has not really touched the working classes in capitalist countries who must be regarded as servants of the bourgeoisie.

11. It behooves us now to put a date on our next operation — "Baba Yaga," which has been thoroughly discussed and finally approved by Comrade Andropov. Everything is in place. We recommend on or about Oct. 15 that a press conference with questions and answers to be freely made, as with Marshal Ogarkov, be announced to deal with the opening stages of Operation Baba Yaga in Berlin.

12. It is of the utmost importance to realize that our greatest gain was in our skillful use of the American media during Operation 007. The Ogarkov press conference Sept. 9 and the interview with our heroic fighter pilot Sept. 10 demonstrates once more the uses which progressive societies can make of the capitalist media. Let us recall the enormous success with the American media of the child, Samantha Smith, during her visit to the U.S.S.R. as the guest of our far-sighted party general secretary. The most important weapon we now have at our command, thanks to Yuri Vladimirovich's understanding of the capitalist enemy, is the American media. Operation 007 could not have succeeded without their unwitting cooperation, once again demonstrating the correctness of Lenin's category of "useful idiots."

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